

Congressman Allen West



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September, 2011

Fiscal Year Ends
September 30

112th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

HOUSE CALENDAR

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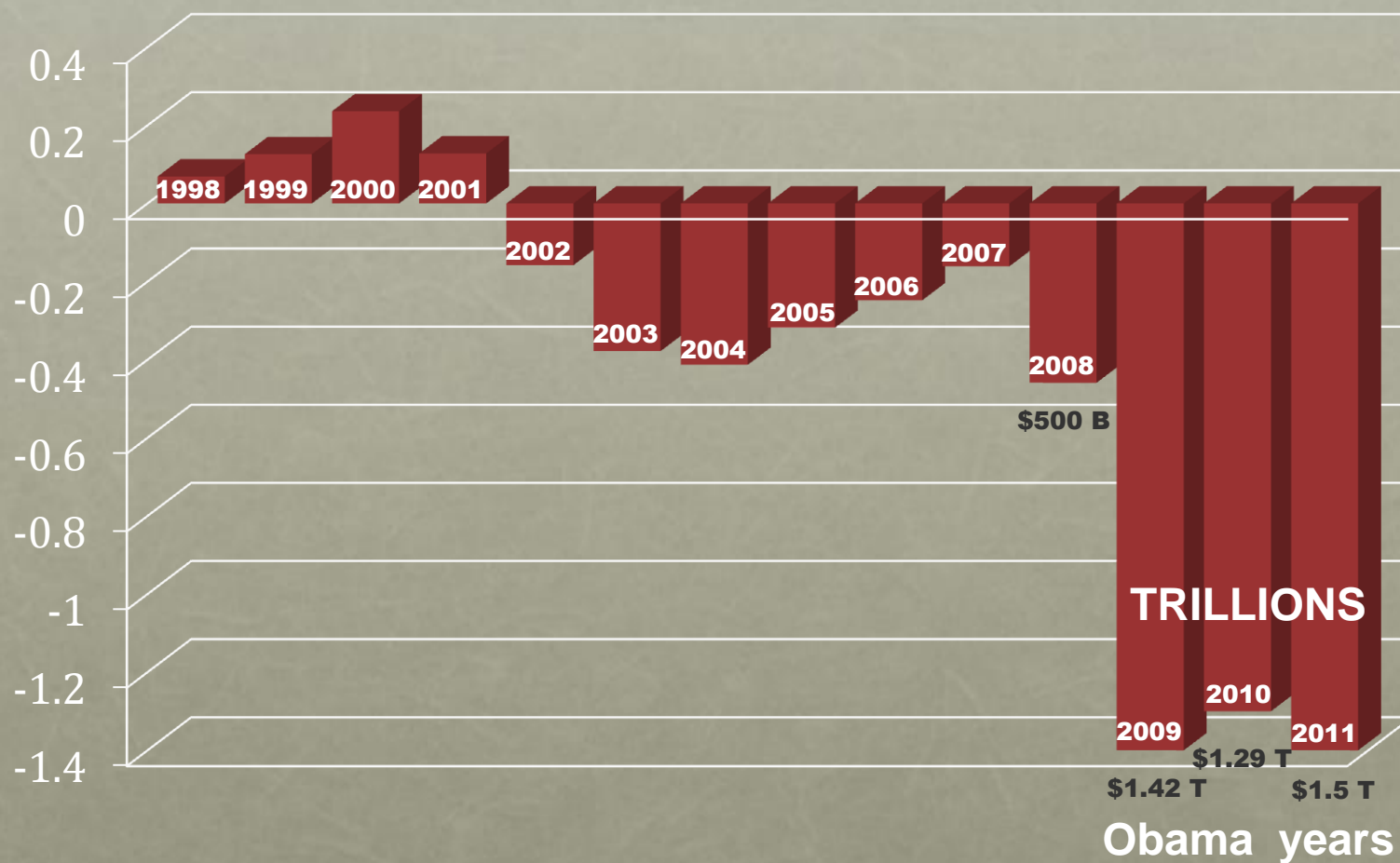
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We the People

What's on our plate?

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- 850 days without a budget
 - Another Continuing Resolution
 - Super-Committee charged with finding \$1.5 trillion savings
 - President has proposed nearly half a billion in new spending
 - Reduction of jobs-killing regulations

Plunging Deficits

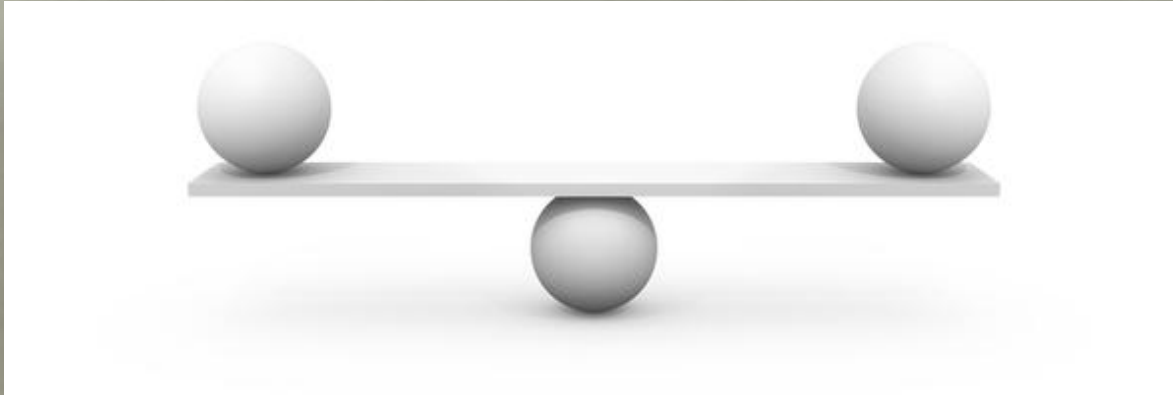


We cannot continue to spend more than we take in

- **41¢ on every \$1 is borrowed**
- **In other words, since July 27th
ALL spending is borrowed**
- **Debt to GDP ratio projected to
be 72% this year**



The Solution?

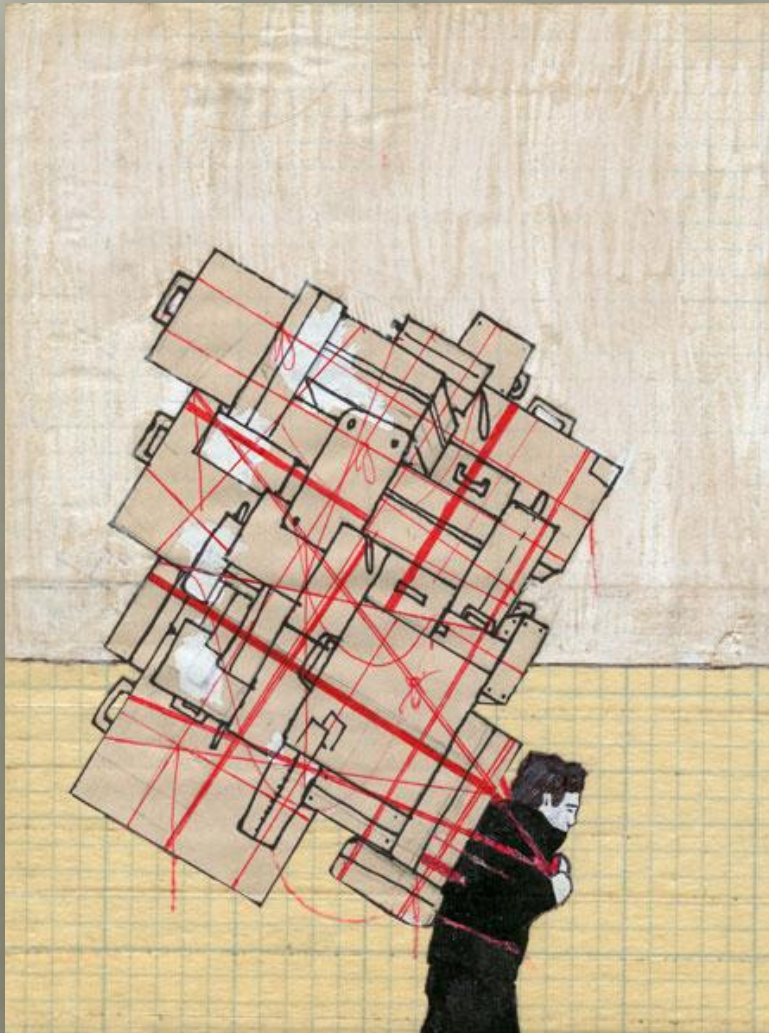


Balanced Budget Amendment

"I wish it were possible to obtain a single amendment to our constitution; I would be willing to depend on that alone for the reduction of the administration of our government to the genuine principles of its constitution. I mean an additional article taking from the federal government the power of borrowing."

- Thomas Jefferson

What is a fair share?



Top 5% of wage-earning households already pay

58% federal tax revenue

47%

of wage-earning households pay

0%

The Solution?

Reform the tax code

Eliminate loopholes

Flat tax rate

**Retain child credit and
mortgage deductions**



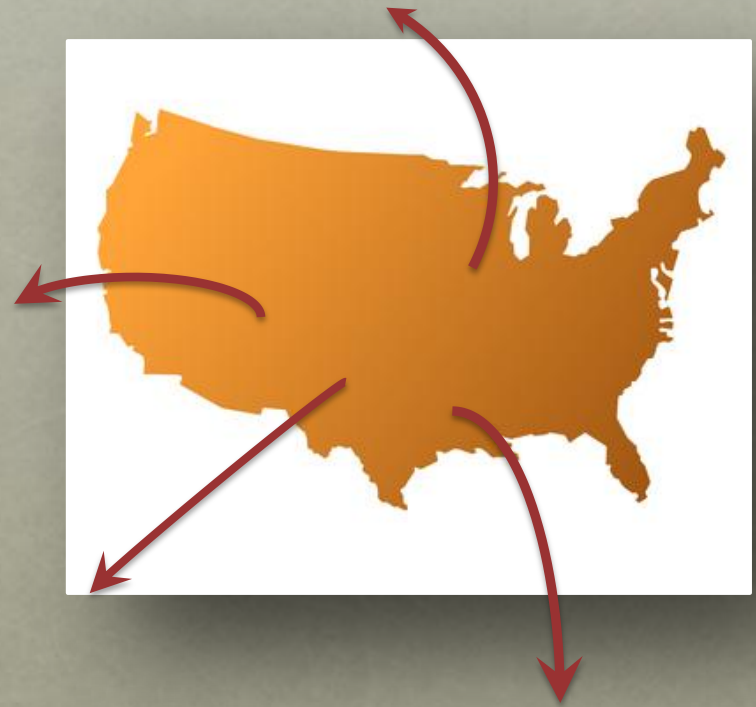
**If you tell a small
business owner
taxes and costs per
employee will
increase in 2 years,
what happens?**

- **Businesses cannot plan when there is great uncertainty**
- **Hiring and expansion is postponed**
- **Only contract or part-time hires**



If you are a big company and your tax rate and employee costs are high, what do you do?

- **Federal Corporate tax rate 35%**
- **Plus State Corporate tax rate 4-6%**
- **Is it any wonder companies invest and hire overseas?**



The Solution?

Reduce regulatory burden

Increase access to capital

Lower corporate tax rate

Modernize patent system

Maximize energy production



We have jobs bills!

HR 1370 - Small Business Health Insurance Tax Repeal Act

HR 3599 – PACE Protection Act

HR 2581 – Social Security Guarantee with Debt Limit

HR 2433 – Veterans Opportunity to Work Act

HR 743 – Hire a Hero Act

HR 687 – Military Spouses Employment Act

HR 1744 - American Job Protection Act

HR 1663 – Small Business Encouragement Act

You must remember this

- The government cannot “create” wealth
- Higher taxes will not stimulate consumer spending
- No business owner will tell you they’re waiting for higher taxes in order to hire more people
- The economy has always done best when the government gets out of the way
- Japan tried 10 stimulus packages in the 1990s – all failed



A final word about Israel and the Palestinian bid for statehood in the United Nations



**Israel has
sustained 184
separate rocket
attacks in the
last two months
alone**

**(in a country the size of
Rhode Island)**



- **Peace cannot be achieved through UN resolutions**
- **It must be achieved through direct negotiations**
- **The security of the Jewish State of Israel must be assured before a Palestinian State can be declared**



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